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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Dr. Richard
4 Foellner on receiving the "2014 Rural Physician of Excellence
5 Award" from the Illinois Rural Health Association; and

6 WHEREAS, One of the biggest healthcare challenges across
7 our nation is the shortage of physicians who practice in rural
8 settings; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1969, Dr. Foellner graduated from the Chicago
10 College of Osteopathic Medicine at Midwestern University and,
11 in 1970, he completed his internship at Memorial Hospital in
12 York, Pennsylvania; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Foellner is Board Certified by the American
14 Osteopathic Board of General Practice and the American Academy
15 of Anti-Aging Medicine; and

16 WHEREAS, After practicing in a rural mountain community in
17 Pennsylvania, Dr. Foellner was recruited to Paxton in 1972; he
18 became a "flatlander" and soon set up satellite offices in
19 Onarga, Cissna Park, and Penfield, in addition to the diverse
20 care he provided at Paxton Community Hospital; and

1 WHEREAS, Through the years, Dr. Foellner has gone on to
2 serve patients at 7 different hospitals and long-term care
3 facilities covering rural populations; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Foellner is deeply committed to his community,
5 having served as the athletic team physician for
6 Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School and on the boards for the
7 Champaign-Ford County Regional Office of Education and the
8 Federated Bank in Onarga; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Foellner is an avid pilot, accomplished
10 athlete, and superb arborist; in his free time, he ran a
11 Christmas Tree farm and donated many trees, wreaths, and
12 blankets; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Foellner has always been an educator, teaching
14 classes for local EMS and hospital staff; he also served as an
15 Adjunct Professor at the Chicago College of Osteopathic
16 Medicine at Midwestern University, where he frequency
17 encourages rural practice; and

18 WHEREAS, The patient care and expertise that Dr. Foellner
19 has provided for over 42 years is a vital component to
20 healthcare in the central eastern part of our State; therefore,
21 be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we commend Dr. Foellner for his selfless service to his
4 community and the impact he has made on improving rural health
5 and we congratulate him on receiving the 2014 Rural Physician
6 of Excellence Award; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Dr. Foellner as a symbol of our respect and
9 esteem.